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SUBJECT: ICFTU WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) JOHANNESBURG 088, (B) JOHANNESBURG 104, (C) LONDON 898.

1. FIVE DAYS INTO ICFTU WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA,  
EUROPEAN TRADE UNION BOYCOTT APPEARS FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE  
TO HAVE BEEN A COMPLETE FAILURE AS FAR AS DISRUPTION OF SOUTH  
AFRICAN TRADE OR COMMUNICATIONS WITH EUROPE CONCERNED. DFA  
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THAT THUS FAR THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE INSTANCE WHERE  
MOVEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS, MAIL OR COMMERCIAL  
CARRIERS HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED IN EUROPE. SENIOR SHIPPING  
ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO CONGEN JOHANNESBURG THAT  
SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPS AND CARGOES HAVE HAD NO INTERRUPTION  
IN EUROPE. ONLY REPORT WE HAVE THAT BOYCOTT ACTUALLY  
IMPLEMENTED IS LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNT OF DOCK WORKERS IN

NEW ZEALAND REFUSING TO OFFLOAD SOUTH AFRICAN CARGOES.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS EXTENSIVELY REPORTED PLANS FOR BOYCOTT AND DECISION OF BRITISH COURT TO BAR POSTAL BOYCOTT. SAG OFFICIALS MAINTAINED PUBLIC STANCE THAT THEY DID NOT EXPECT ANY INTERRUPTION OF LINKS WITH EUROPE AND THAT NO CHANGES WOULD BE MADE IN AIRCRAFT AND SHIP ROUTINGS.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO ICFTU PLANS, BOYCOTT WAS GENERALLY EXPECTED HERE TO PRODUCE AT LEAST SOME DISRUPTIONS EVEN AFTER COURT ORDER ON POSTAL BOYCOTT. DEGREE TO WHICH BOYCOTT HAS FAILED IS VIEWED HERE WITH BOTH SURPRISE AND REFLIED. ALTHOUGH BOTH GOVERNMENT AND WHITE POPULATION HAVE BECOME SOMEWHAT ACCUSTOMED TO THREATS OF THIS SORT IT WILL SERVE AS ONE FURTHER EXAMPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S INCREASING ISOLATION AND OF POTENTIAL VULNERABILITY OF ITS OVERSEAS LINKS.  
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